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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: News Release IDEALIST/TACKLE Detachment

1. On 3 January 1961, [ ] of Col. Geary's office, telephoned to inquire what, if any, public news release was to be made relative to presence of U-2's at [ ] His query was prompted by a message he had received from PACAF asking what PACAF was expected to do in this connection.

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2. The undersigned consulted with Col. Beerli and Mr. McMahon who advised that, based on a recommendation of Mr. Ray Cline's to Mr. Bissell, the latter had come to the conclusion that there should be no release at this time. This was confirmed by telephone with [ ]

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3. The undersigned then called [ ] and advised him that his answer should be along the lines that: "The Agency preferred to make no announcement at this time." [ ] expressed the opinion that this would be quite acceptable to PACAF in view of the fact that the latter's concern seemed not to be over whether or not it was advisable, but rather, whether or not PACAF was expected to initiate action in this connection.

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Chief, Administrative Branch  
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